



# PARA HILLS MODBURY CATHOLIC PARISH

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PARA HILLS 5096

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50 RESERVOIR RD,  
HOPE VALLEY 5090

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

CELEBRATED AT  
10AM MASS

## BAPTISMS

BOOKINGS TO BE MADE  
THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE.

## MARRIAGES

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

## REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

## ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S

(PRIMARY) 8251 9500  
CARIGNANE ST,  
WYNN VALE 5127

## GLEESON COLLEGE

(SECONDARY) 8282 6600  
40-60 SURREY FARM DRIVE,  
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20th September 2020  
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A - Green

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We acknowledge the Kurna people as the custodians of this region.  
Let us share and learn together for reconciliation and justice.

## *MASS TIMES*

### ST JOHN XXIII Hope Valley

Monday 9.15am  
Tuesday 9.15am  
Thursday 9.15am  
Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 8am



### HOLY TRINITY Para Hills

Wednesday 7pm  
Friday 9.15am  
(Adoration Before Friday Mass  
commencing 8.30am)  
Saturday 9.15am  
Sunday 10am

Due to space restrictions and the need to socially distance  
we are currently restricting attendance to  
100 people at Holy Trinity & 120 people at St John XXIII  
Please contact the Parish Office to book your place at Mass.

## Amazing Grace

Today's gospel speaks about the human sense of justice contrasted with the extravagant grace of a merciful and compassionate God. God rewards us, not in the measure of what we do, but according to our need and His good will. The Gospel tells us that it's never too late for God. A full wage is offered to each of us, whether one has served Him for a whole lifetime, or has turned to Him only at the eleventh hour. This story of the landlord's love and generosity represents God's love and generosity to us. The story shows us how God looks at us, sees our needs, and meets those needs. The question in God's mind is not, "How much do these people deserve?" but, "How can I help them? How can I save them before they perish?" It is all about grace and blessings. God's provisions for our spiritual lives will never run out, and when we share our blessings with others, we tap into the inexhaustible Divine supply. The parable in today's Gospel is known as "the Parable of Workers in the Vineyard" or "the Parable of the Generous Landlord." Biblical scholar Daniel Harrington calls this "The Parable of the Good Employer" because the parable was probably addressed to Jesus' opponents who criticized him for preaching the Good News of the Kingdom to tax collectors and sinners.

Through this parable Jesus intends to give a warning to the disciples. Jesus teaches his disciples not to claim any special honour or any special place because they are closely associated with him or because they are the first members of his Church. All the people, no matter when they come, are equally precious to God. Similarly, long-time Church members should expect no special preference over recent members. The parable also issues a definite warning to the Jews. As the chosen People of God, the Jews looked down upon the Gentiles. Jesus warns them that the Gentiles who put their Faith in God will have the same reward a good Jew may expect. Through this parable, Jesus intends to show the generosity of God in opening the doors of the Heavenly Kingdom to the repentant Gentiles and sinners on equal footing with the Jews. Matthew, by retelling this parable, may well desire to give the same warning to the members of his Judeo-Christian community who considered the converted Gentiles as second-class Christians. The parable

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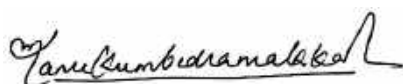
was said also to give Jesus' own explanation of His love for the publicans and sinners. Through this parable, Jesus describes, and reflects in his life, the loving concern, generosity, and mercy of God for all God's children.

This story illustrates the difference between God's perspective and ours. Perhaps it disturbs our sense of fairness and justice. We think of equal rights for all, or an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. Our sense of justice seems to favour the labourers who worked all day and expected a wage greater than that given to the latecomers. Perhaps most people would sympathize with the workers who had worked longer and seemingly deserved more. We can understand their complaint since, for most of us, salaries are linked to the number of hours of work. A skilled worker gets more than an unskilled worker. If workers have the same skills, the same hours of work and similar responsibilities, we expect them to get the same wages.

But God does not see matters in the same way that we do. God thinks of justice in terms of people's dignity and their right to a decent life. In other words, God's perspective is that of the owner, who gave some of the laborers more than they earned. God's justice holds that the people who have come late have the same right to a living wage and decent life as those who have worked all day and, hence, all must be treated identically. We are laborers who have worked less than a full day. If God treated us justly, none of us would be rewarded. We have all been unfaithful to God in many ways; what we have earned from God is punishment. However, because God is generous rather than just, we all receive a full day's pay, even though we have not earned it. Jesus understood the value of all people, regardless of what the community thought of them. He gave all people equal value. Hence, our challenge is to recognize and accept with gratitude God's Amazing Grace. We must remember that there is more to life than the logic of action and reward.

This parable of the vineyard-workers illustrates very well our theology of grace and mercy. Pope Francis says: "The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel." The parable suggests that we can't work our way into Heaven, because by our own unaided strength we can never do enough natural good in this life to "earn" our everlasting reward, and because without His grace, we can do nothing of spiritual value. That is why God expects us to cooperate with His grace for doing good and avoiding evil. Salvation comes to us by God's grace and our cooperation with it, that is, by a blend of Faith and works.

Therefore, we need to follow God's example and show grace to others. We must not wish pain on people for the sake of fairness, nor rejoice in their miseries when God allows them to suffer. Then we should learn to express our gratitude to God in our daily lives for all the blessings that we receive. As Christians who believe in the generosity of God who gives us grace even though we re unworthy, we need to imitate and practice the virtue of generosity in all our relationships.



### Readings for next Sunday, 27th September 2020

1st Reading	Ez	18:25 - 28
2nd Reading	Phil	2:1 - 11
Gospel	Mat	21:28 - 32

### Saints/Feast Days Of the Week

21st Sept	St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
23rd Sept	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
26th Sept	Sts Cosmas & Damien

### Our Community's Prayer Petitions

**PLEASE NOTE: THE NAMES ON THE SICK LIST WILL REMAIN FOR TWO MONTHS ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.**

**BULLETIN PRAYER LIST:** Please note that names can only be added to this list by immediate family, or the ill person themselves (for reasons of privacy).

### Please Remember in your Prayers THOSE WHO ARE SICK, especially:

Sandra Dini, Joan Walmsley, Ursula Moore, Lil Buckley, Jason Mittiga, Pat Collins, Ruby Brokensha, Anne Van Der Arend, Margaret Pitt, Patricia Kopf, Darcy Ridley, Paul Holmes, Father Peter Milburn, Maria Hand, Emma Gammon, Asher Caudle, David North, Elijah Neri, Wayne Collins, Marg Dolman, Sean Molloy, Antoinette Pascale, Charlotte Fussell, Phyllis Anthony, Reta Lockyer, John MacGrath, Ken Robinson, Graham Armstrong, Mary Redmond, Graham Speed, Marlen Piineda, David Truman, Bruce McAndie, Rosa Maria Santos, Betty Roper, Imperia De Ionno, Julie Reimann, Jim Marlow, Gerry Canavan, Jayden Lee, Marie Boulton, Gary Lockyer, Yvonne Summers, Rita Robinson, Sr. Marleen Dewar OLSH, Kay Kennedy

### Recently Deceased

Mary Grace Tabone

### Spam Emails

**Please note that parishes and priests do not solicit donations by email.**

We have had reports of people being approached via email by someone falsely claiming to be Fr Manu and asking the recipient to purchase vouchers or gift cards.

If you should receive such an email please do not respond, or purchase vouchers or gift cards.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY SEPTEMBER BABIES

20th Sept	Meredith Knowles, Michelle Javier, Eric Cruz
24th Sept	Sean Conlon, Gary Staker
25th Sept	Jean McGowan, Renee Dini, Ken Robinson
26th Sept	Marg Robinson



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is near to all who call him.**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

HQ: 1300 729 202 from 9.00am — 1.00pm  
or [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au)



**St Vincent de Paul  
Modbury Conference**

Three calls for assistance this week, with two successfully assisted – no response on the phone from the third.

To try to boost our sagging income – very limited Winter Appeal, no People’s Choice Raffle and cancellation of the SAPOL concert – Gift Baskets will be prepared, and sold closer to Christmas.

So instead of pantry items, we’re looking for assistance with “gift” items – Wine, Chocolates, Sweets, Nuts, Cosmetics, Toiletries etc.

These have previously been sold at the Craft Fair, but we’ll find another outlet occasion, or take orders.

We’d love to see donations of these items in the basket if you can keep them in mind while shopping.



**Parish Prayer**

The following is the second draft of the Parish Prayer which was written after careful and prayerful consideration of all submissions received.

Once again, we invite your feedback.

You are asked to send suggested edits / amendments / additions (rather than new or complete prayers) to the parish office by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October so that these can be forwarded to PPC members to allow them to consider your feedback prior to discussion at our October meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October.

**Parish Prayer – Draft 2**

Loving Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Look upon our community of faith

and remind us of Your constant presence.

Help us to witness to Your love and let it guide us in all our experiences as a Parish.

May we keep our hearts open to Your inspiration as we serve as your disciples,

loving one another without exception.

We pray this prayer to you God of the most Holy Trinity through the intercession of St John XXIII.

Amen



**DEVELOPMENT FUND 2020**

Congratulations  
No. 86

Corrie Bowman

Drawn by Margaret Robinson

If you would like to be included in the draw  
Please contact: Barbara Mathews 8258 8806



**Para Hills Modbury Catholic Parish  
Sacramental Program  
Confirmation and First Holy Communion**

Celebration of Confirmation and  
First Holy Communion will be held on  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020

**Due to restrictions no further bookings  
can be made for this celebration**

There are 24 children who will be  
Confirmed and receive their  
First Holy Communion.

We ask that the parish community pray for these  
children and their families at this time.

Lord, send down your spirit, to strengthen the  
families of the Sacramental Program.

At this time of great celebration for the children of  
our parish we pray for good health and wellbeing  
for all their family members.

That each child who is to receive  
Confirmation and First Holy Communion  
will continue to live out the gifts and fruits of the  
Holy Spirit in each and every day of their lives.

We ask this in Christ name. Amen.

**Masses Online & On Television**

For those still unable to attend Mass  
Sunday Mass is still screened on Free-To-Air TV

Channel 10 at 6am Sunday morning.

Channel 44 at 5pm Sunday afternoon.

**(Please note the change to 5pm on Channel 44)**

Or visit the Archdiocesan website  
[adelaide.catholic.org.au](http://adelaide.catholic.org.au)

for links to information, prayers and streamed Masses



September is Catholic Charities Month.  
Catholic Charities supports front-line agencies that  
work tirelessly to support people in need.  
Information brochures including a tear off envelope are  
available at each Mass Centre, for those who  
wish to donate in this way.

These envelopes can be placed on the collection plate  
at any Mass during September.

Donations can also be made online at  
[www.me4u.org.au](http://www.me4u.org.au)

*Donations of more than \$2 are Tax deductible*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Open Our Hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!**

## PRAYER MEETINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

<b>Tue 22nd Sept</b>	Legion of Mary	11.30am	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Tue 22nd Sept</b>	Confirmation & First Communion	7pm	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Thur 24th Sept</b>	Legion of Mary	6pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>
<b>Fri 25th Sept</b>	Craft Group	9.30am - 12noon	<b>St John XXIII</b>
<b>Sun 27th Sept</b>	Divine Mercy	3pm	<b>Holy Trinity</b>



# SEASON OF CREATION

***A Jubilee for the Earth  
1<sup>st</sup> September – 4<sup>th</sup> October***

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together. It is a time when we join the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

This year, amid crises that have shaken our world, we're awakened to the urgent need to heal our relationships with creation and each other. During the season this year, we enter a time of restoration and hope, a jubilee for our Earth, that requires radically new ways of living with creation.

The Season of Creation unites the world's 2.2 billion Christians around one shared purpose, to come together and show the world how to love each other and creation.

As Catholics we are called by Pope Francis to encourage the People of God to accelerate their walks towards new paths for the Church and for an integral ecology by planning activities for the Season of Creation.

In keeping with the theme, drawn from the Old Testament, we can focus on reducing our impacts on Earth and on the most vulnerable people. Activities might include a special Eucharist or pilgrimage walk, sustainability practices or advocacy initiatives to respond to "the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor."

The Adelaide and Port Pirie Dioceses are developing a "Council for Integral Ecology" to encourage all parishioners and Catholic bodies to embrace the teaching of Laudato Si' in practical and faithful ways.

For information about future events, including details of times and registration go to <https://seasonofcreation.org/events/>

### **Christian Life Program (CLP) For Women**



**Watch this space, for women only!**

Are you on your own, have no family support in SA and would like to meet others so you can build a relationship with others and increase your faith with our Lord at the same time?

If your answer is yes, please take note of our Christian Life Program (CLP) for women via Zoom starting 11th Oct, Sunday, 2pm to 4:30pm for 7 consecutive Sundays, concluding 22nd Nov 2020.

If you would like to hear more, please contact Angela Zakarias 0401 205 636, leave your name & number and brief message and Angela will call you back to discuss further.

### **Adult Confirmation**

This year adult confirmation is scheduled for **Saturday October 17 at the 6pm Mass in St Francis Xavier's Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Patrick O'Regan.**

Candidates will need to attend a preparation session on Saturday October 10 from 1pm to 2.30pm in the Cathedral Hall.

Anyone interested in being confirmed at this Mass is asked to contact Kathy Horan of the Office for Worship on P: 8210 8288 or

E: [khoran@ow.adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:khoran@ow.adelaide.catholic.org.au)

### **Fire Retreat: A Day of Hope**

**Sat 26th September, 9:30am-4:30pm**

*St Pius X Church,  
17 Avoca St Dernancourt*

A day for adults, young adults & teenagers to deepen in the Holy Spirit and the call to Discipleship. Mass & Reconciliation are included.

**Due to COVID, places are strictly limited to those who register.**

BYO Lunch & Morning/Afternoon Tea.

**Registrations Essential:**

**[www.trybooking.com/BLNUN](http://www.trybooking.com/BLNUN)**

Info: Bernadette Toohey 0435 527 389/  
[bernadettetoohy.mgl@gmail.com](mailto:bernadettetoohy.mgl@gmail.com)

### **COVID-19 Protocols**

**COVID restrictions are still in place. As a parish we are committed to keeping everyone safe and to ensuring that we are permitted to continue operating. We know that we would all want these outcomes, and so we respectfully ask that you follow the advice of our Marshals when entering or leaving the church and moving during distribution of Holy Communion.**



### **THE SOUTHERN CROSS**

The September edition of The Southern Cross is available from both Mass Centres and the Parish Office at a cost of \$2 or online at [www.thesoutherncross.org.au](http://www.thesoutherncross.org.au)